



# NEWS RELEASE

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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### NOXIOUS WEED REMOVAL EFFORTS IN TRINITY COUNTY

**REDDING** – The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) District 2 in cooperation with the Trinity County Department of Transportation, Trinity Resource Conservation District, the Natural Resources Conservation Service and the Trinity County Weed Management Cooperative will begin eradication efforts to remove Scotch Broom (*Cytisus scoparius*) along the State Route 299 corridor of Trinity County on March 19 and 20.

Scotch Broom, an invasive tree from Europe introduced in the 1800s, particularly likes river and stream corridors where it can displace native vegetation, channelize streambeds, and serve as ladder fuel to move wildfire into the forest canopy.

Using mechanical, cultural and other non-chemical tools, California Conservation Crews will be removing this fast spreading weed with hopes of slowing down the spread of the plant in Trinity County. Trinity County has an extensive but not overwhelming infestation of this noxious plant. However, in the past twenty years it has started spreading along SR 299. The heaviest concentrations are near Junction City.

Heavy equipment, weed mats, hand pulling and reseeding with native plants are the methods that will be used for this project. For questions regarding Scotch Broom, contact the Trinity County Department of Agriculture, 530 623-1356, or the Trinity County website, [www.trinitycounty.org](http://www.trinitycounty.org)

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